(b) if so, what are the name of these companies;

(c) what is the total investment made by Government in each of these companies;

(d) how the ships owned by them are likely to be disposed of;

(e) what is the total liabilities incurred by thes© companies; and

(f) what are the reasons that the sickness in these shipping companies would not be detected earlier?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL). (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Pollution Affecting Railway Tracks

3022. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air pollution has also caused problem for Indian Railways with the high tension insulators fitted along the tracks converting into conductors of electricity by the deposit of acid fumes, fine dust particles and moisture; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to tackle the problem and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. This problem is mostly observed in the vicinity of Bombay, Baroda, Delhi and Faridabad.

(b) (1) Frequent cleaning of insulators in such areas is being done to minimise OHE supply failures.

(2) Hybrid type insulators, recently developed in India and considered superior for such polluted areas are proposed to be provided on priority in such areas.

(3) Assistance of State Governments is also being taken under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981—

(a) to declare areas identified by the Railways ag air pollution control areas;

(b) monitor the quality of air in such areas at regular intervals; and

(c) take legal action against such of the industries who are emitting more acid fumes of dust particles tean prescribed under the rules framed under the Act, of 1981.

Death of a Blind Studcat Due to Callousness of Hospital Staff

3023. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum had been submitted to the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital authorities by the Ramjas College Students' Union New, Delhi, alleging that a blind youth of their college had died a few hours after he was admitted with complaints of vomitting and diardhoea, because of the indifferent treatment of the attending medical staff, and that he was not administered any intravenous fluid despite acute vomitting and diarrhoea; and

(b) whether any inquiry has been made into the circumstances of the death of the blind college student, if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The enquiry did not reveal any negligence on the part of the hospital staff.